

END OF THE STRIKE NEAR.

INDICATIONS THAT IT WILL BE DECLARED OFF BEFORE LONG.

WORK TO BE RESUMED ON SEVERAL CONTRACTS NOW TIED UP.—BISHOP POTTER AND OTHERS WORKING FOR A SETTLEMENT.

There were indications last night that the strike of the building trades would soon be declared off, and the thousands of men who have been idle about a month would return to work again. The good news had spread among the men very quickly, and they felt happy over it. Not only are the strikers tired of being idle so long, but the bosses are opposed to having their work "tied up." The latter would like very much to complete the buildings on which they now have contracts, as there are many other contracts in sight. As the Tribune said last Sunday, there will be more buildings in the downtown district torn down in the next twelve months than, perhaps, in any one year before in the history of the city. Of course, there is only one reason for tearing down these buildings, and that is to replace them with modern and improved structures.

To bring the strike to a termination at the present time, it is acknowledged by all that both sides must make some concessions. But it is felt that this would be much better than to continue the battle, which has already been so costly to both sides.

Both the strikers' unions and the master builders' associations have held important meetings during the last two days, at which the strike was discussed from every point of view. It had been determined by the majority on both sides that the hot-heads had had their innings, and that the less excitable element should now have a chance.

Good news was given out last night after a long session of the Board of Walking Delegates, held at No. 117 East Fifty-ninth-st., and was received with cheer by the strikers and their sympathizers. Master Workman Headley, of the Electrical Workers Association, said that the Strike Committee of the Board of Walking Delegates had made arrangements with John De Leveant, one of the largest building contractors in the city, whereby the strike had been declared off on the following buildings, now being erected by Mr. De Leveant: The Merchant Society, the new Bank of Spruce sts., the West Building at Williams- and Maiden Lanes, and the Astor mansion, at Sixty-fifth-st. and Fifth-ave. He also made a statement to the effect that the arrangement was satisfactory to both sides, and that all the men would return to work after the eight-hour workday basis.

One of the delegates said that about 2,000 men would return to work on the buildings spoken of on Monday.

Although the strike has not yet been declared off on the other buildings, there is every prospect that it soon will be, as a result of the meeting held by President Strong, Master Workman Headley with Bishop Potter presiding, and among those present were John De Leveant, Michael Shaw, Lewis C. Kelly, E. H. Crosby.

Bishop Potter argued strongly in favor of a settlement of the strike without delay, especially as the electrical contractors had a day's work-day.

Mr. Headley said the men had not been officially notified that the contractors would do this.

It was agreed that Messrs. Strong and Headley should submit the question of a settlement on that basis to their respective associations immediately.

President Strong said last night that no definite action had yet been taken by the contractors.

A HARD-FOUGHT BATTLE.

FIFTY MOVES OF THE ST. PETERSBURG-PARIS CHESS MATCH.

Following is the score of the second game, as played by wire between the Paris and St. Petersburg chess clubs. Fifty moves have been recorded so far.

SECOND GAME—EVANS GAMBIT.

WHITE—BLACK—WHITE—BLACK.

No. 1 Petersburg, Paris. No. 2 Petersburg, Paris.

1 P-K4 P-K4 2 P-QB4 P-QB4 3 K-B3 K-B3 4 B-B4 B-B4 5 P-B4 P-B4 6 Q-B3 Q-B3 7 P-Q4 P-Q4 8 P-Q3 P-Q3 9 P-Q2 P-Q2 10 P-Q3 P-Q3 11 P-Q4 P-Q4 12 P-Q5 P-Q5 13 P-Q6 P-Q6 14 P-Q7 P-Q7 15 P-Q8 P-Q8 16 P-Q9 P-Q9 17 P-Q10 P-Q10 18 P-Q11 P-Q11 19 P-Q12 P-Q12 20 P-Q13 P-Q13 21 P-Q14 P-Q14 22 P-Q15 P-Q15 23 P-Q16 P-Q16 24 P-Q17 P-Q17 25 P-Q18 P-Q18 26 P-Q19 P-Q19 27 P-Q20 P-Q20 28 P-Q21 P-Q21 29 P-Q22 P-Q22 30 P-Q23 P-Q23 31 P-Q24 P-Q24 32 P-Q25 P-Q25 33 P-Q26 P-Q26 34 P-Q27 P-Q27 35 P-Q28 P-Q28 36 P-Q29 P-Q29 37 P-Q30 P-Q30 38 P-Q31 P-Q31 39 P-Q32 P-Q32 40 P-Q33 P-Q33 41 P-Q34 P-Q34 42 P-Q35 P-Q35 43 P-Q36 P-Q36 44 P-Q37 P-Q37 45 P-Q38 P-Q38 46 P-Q39 P-Q39 47 P-Q40 P-Q40 48 P-Q41 P-Q41 49 P-Q42 P-Q42 50 P-Q43 P-Q43

Position after White's Fiftieth Move.
Black (Paris)—Seven Pieces.

BASSEBALL IN ENGLAND.

The good effects of the round-the-world baseball tour in introducing the game in Australia, Japan and England have been apparent time and again, but in England baseball, according to advices, is experiencing quite a boom. J. Walter Spalding received a cable yesterday stating that the Spalding League ball had been adopted by the National Association of Baseball Clubs of Great Britain for a period of three years, and that the English clubs had decided to make a growing business in exporting the League ball, but never before had known an English athlete fully to adopt officially a ball of American make. "Some day he will appear in England with more players in England than it has at present. In Australia it is steadily gaining in popularity."

ARRANGING BASEBALL CONTRACTS.

Washington, March 15.—N. E. Young, the president of the National Baseball League, has just announced the following contracts: With Cleveland, George Cuppy; with Washington, W. B. Morris and J. T. Maguire; with Cincinnati, T. W. Purdy; with Pittsburgh, Emerson Hawley and Thomas Kinney; with St. Louis, W. F. Ely, "Dempy" Lyons and Theodore Prentiss; with the New-England League, Charles H. Moore, James T. Burke, Alfred Murphy, Charles Behringer, Edward A. Tolson, Alfred Strout, W. H. Coughlin, James McCracken, William Thurby, James C. Kennedy, V. G. Gillis, Michael Leonard, Frank Mesteen, John Shaffer, F. A. Pogue, Thomas Hanley, John Downs, J. J. Dillon, and James Hutchinson.

With the Pennsylvania State League, W. Ford, W. B. Hallowell, Thomas Dwyer, J. B. Dohms, Carson Holmes, Henry Larkin, M. H. Hess, Thomas Flanagan, John F. Swift, Frank West, Ralph Schilder, J. W. Burroughs, Fred West, J. A. Anderson, Sam Chaynes, Bowden, J. P. Anderson, John Messel, Vincent Dwyer, J. P. Anderson, George K. Howell, and James O'Brien.

With New-York State League, Irving M. Cooper, George K. Howell, and James O'Brien.

With Western Association, Louis Baldwin, Willard Hulch, George W. Darby, George Risler, Frank Ward, Mike Gandy, Charlie Gandy, Frank P. Crowley, George Stratton, George Ulrich, Frank Duncanson, T. McMurtry, Robert S. White, William L. Devaney, Frederick Underwood, John King, J. Kemmerer, Lewis Meyer, E. E. Van Buren, Percy Grinnell, W. W. Johnson, and James O'Brien.

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